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These are fine. Pls add to back pocket Q&A

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We didn't have great answers to these in the Q/A. I've tried to capture some of Nancy Beck's messages that Sven shared w/me after the Hill meeting today.

Edits and additions?

Q/A: Why did you not pick PFAS and Lead?

PFAS: EPA is working across the Agency on PFAS, bringing each office's scientific knowledge to bear. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a big family of chemicals. EPA needed a better understanding of these chemicals before choosing them to be on this list. Furthermore, EPA has only chosen chemicals from the 2014 Update to the TSCA Work Plan, as directed by TSCA, and PFAS is not on the Work Plan.

EPA recently released the PFAS Action Plan, which outlines the agency's approach to identifying and understanding PFAS exposures and tasks EPA with finalizing the MCL (minimum contaminant level) rulemaking, proposing a regulatory determination for PFOA and PFOS, proposing a nationwide drinking water monitoring program for PFAS, and other actions.

Lead: The Agency already has a full set of regulatory measures in place to address lead. See <https://www.epa.gov/lead>. Adding to those measures, in 2018, EPA released a proposed rule to lower the dust-lead hazard standards for public comment, which it will finalize in 2019.

An Action Plan released by the Presidential Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children will help federal agencies work with stakeholders to further reduce children's exposure to lead and improve children's health.